



## Vinton Notices for the Week Ending May 9, 2014

1. Summer Mad Science Programs
2. State Dept. of Education letter about Smarter  
Balanced Field Testing
3. Super Saturday sign up and raffle basket list
4. Mansfield Family Fun May, June, July, August 2014

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TAKE HOME NOTICES BELOW





of Western New England

## SUMMER AWESOME ACTIVITY WEEKS

We bring **FUN** science to you!

### Nature Adventure

(Ages 6-12 or entering Grades 1-6)

Come explore the wonderful world around us with a series of indoor funshops dedicated to the natural world! We will explore the Earth under our feet and above our heads as well as the creatures that inhabit it!

### Crazy Chemlab

(Ages 6-12 or entering Grades 1-6)

A hands-on exploration of chemical reactions and the tools scientists use in their laboratories; atoms, molecules, acids and bases; fluorescence and phosphorescence.



### Secret Agent Laboratory

(Ages 6-12 or entering Grades 1-6)

Develop your special agent and detective skills in this super hands-on week of fun! Secret agents-in-training will work with spy gadgets and use awesome science and technology tools for forensic Crime Scene Investigation (CSI).



### Rockin' Rockets

(Ages 7-12 or entering Grades 2-6)

Children will step into the shoes of a rocket scientist and learn the fundamentals of flight, propulsion and rocket design. We'll have fun exploring astronomy and trying out various flight designs from hot air balloons to hovercrafts, rockets and many more!

### Red Hot Robots

(Ages 8-12 or entering Grades 3-6)

Jump into the fascinating world of robotics and machines. Children will construct and take-home their own robots while gaining a working knowledge of the science of circuits, wheels, gears, and sensors.

### Green Scene & Jr. Scientist (Pre-K)

(Ages 4-6)

Our popular programs for the littlest scientists!! Pre-K kids love our specialized hands-on activities presented as always in a fun and age-appropriate manner.



### INVENTION WEEK!!!

(Ages 6-12 or entering Grades 1-6)

Discover - Create - Invent! Each day students will be given a series of challenges they must overcome using basic materials, simple machines, tips from world famous inventors and the most important thing of all - their minds.

**NEWLY RE-DESIGNED AND  
UPGRADED FOR 2014!!**

### NASA Academy for Space Explorers

(Ages 6-12 or entering Grades 1-6)

Experience our program co-designed by NASA and Mad Science! From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program for children ages 6-12 sends them on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars, meteors and more are all waiting to be discovered, and each series includes rocket-building and launch!

Give your child the best



**BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!**

call Mad Science

(915) 584-7243 (MA) (800) 338-5711

**Every day features cool take-home science activities!**

**Locations throughout Western MA, Northern CT and Southern VT/NH**  
Visit [register.madscience.org/westnewengland](http://register.madscience.org/westnewengland) for schedules, locations & registration  
...or go to [westnewengland.madscience.org](http://westnewengland.madscience.org) for general information about Mad Science

**NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAM**

**Sparkling Imaginative Learning**



## **Mad Science in Mansfield!**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Green Scene</b> (ages 4-6)	9:00am-12:00pm	\$175
<b>Nature Adventure</b> (ages 6-12)	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$175

**July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Jr. Scientist Fun Lab</b> (ages 4-6)	9:00am-12:00pm	\$175
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**August 4<sup>th</sup>-August 8<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Eureka!</b> (ages 7-12)	9:00am-12:00pm	\$175
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**Classes will be held at the Mansfield Community Center**

**\*Please send your child with a snack daily**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**To sign up:**

**Contact Mansfield Parks and Rec  
860-429-3015**

**Other programs available these and other weeks in  
COVENTRY, TOLLAND and BOLTON**

**For more information, locations, and schedules go to:  
[register.madscience.org/westnewengland](http://register.madscience.org/westnewengland)**





# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Connecticut Parents and Community/Business Leaders

**FROM:** Joseph Di Garbo, Connecticut's Teacher Involvement Coordinator

**DATE:** April 30, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Smarter Balanced In-Person Panel for Setting Achievement Levels Opportunity

The [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium](#) is developing a common assessment system for mathematics and English language arts/Literacy aligned to the Common Core State Standards to ensure all students are prepared to succeed in college and/or career. This next generation assessment system incorporates a variety of testing methods, including written and verbal responses. It has been developed by a team that includes educators, researchers, parents, and community members.

On behalf of the Connecticut State Department of Education and Smarter Balanced, CTB/McGraw-Hill invites parents and community leaders as well as qualified educators to participate in an In-Person Panel for determining the achievement levels for the assessments. The purpose of the panel is to set common expectations for student readiness/proficiency on the Smarter Balanced assessments through a transparent, consensus-driven process with extensive input from parents, business and community leaders, educators, researchers, and policymakers. Participants in the workshop will make recommendations to Smarter Balanced about the minimum test scores aligned to four defined achievement levels. Input from an inclusive panel (i.e. educators, researchers, parents and the community) will be a key factor in the development of these achievement levels.

The process of determining achievement levels will rely on parent and community knowledge of students in addition to the professional judgment and experience of educators in order to develop performance standards that are rigorous, fair, and accurate.

Participants in the In-Person Panel will make recommendations to Smarter Balanced. Other technical and policy groups will also make recommendations. Smarter Balanced leadership and the chief state school officers of Smarter Balanced states will consider this panel's recommendations carefully in arriving at final achievement levels.

Committees will meet on-site for the In-Person Panel. Each panelist will participate in only one segment of the panel. The dates of each segment can be found below:

### Key Dates for In-Person Panel

Activity	Start Date	End Date
High School English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics	October 13	October 15
Grades 6–8 English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics	October 15	October 17
Grades 3–5 English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics	October 17	October 19

Interested candidates may apply by accessing the [online application](#) to provide contact information and a statement of interest. Please complete the online application by Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Smarter Balanced will select participants to serve as panelists from among the nominations submitted by Smarter Balanced states. The distribution of participants will represent a balance of geographic regions, grade levels, and other relevant factors. A limited number of parents and community members from Connecticut will be selected to participate.

Smarter Balanced will pay for travel, lodging, meals, and other allowable expenses for participants. A stipend may be provided as applicable. For additional information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education Web site ([www.ct.gov/sde/SmarterBalanced](http://www.ct.gov/sde/SmarterBalanced)) or contact me at 860-713-6863 or by e-mail at [Joe.DiGarbo@ct.gov](mailto:Joe.DiGarbo@ct.gov).



## HELP!!!! Super Saturday is in danger of being cancelled!!!

We do not have enough volunteers to make this event happen. If you are planning on attending, please consider donating an hour at one of the tables. If the majority of slots are not filled by **TUESDAY, May 13**, we will have to cancel. ☹️ We need more people!!! If you are having trouble signing up, please email Jen Zugarazo at [zugarazojl@mansfieldct.org](mailto:zugarazojl@mansfieldct.org) and she will sign you up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AB2CA5FA7-super>

Our Raffle Baskets are very sad as well, hardly any items have been sent in. Please send an item in for your child's class basket by **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will need to prepare and display them before the event.



Pitch Burst – It is open to all people, kids and adults!!! The “victim” sits in the chair and participants throw balls at a target. If they hit the target, a bucket of water comes down on the “victim.” LOTS OF FUN!! Señora Zugarazo has signed up to be the first “victim.”

Will you join her?



### RAFFLE BASKETS

Baskets will be raffled off at Super Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any new items to help fill your child's classroom basket are *greatly appreciated* and should be sent to the classroom teachers *by May 21<sup>st</sup>*. This is separate from the Silent Auction.



**Mrs. Gile:** Summer Beach

**Ms. Rudge:** Cats

**Mr. Toomey:** Party Basket

**Mrs. LeFevre:** Legos

**Mrs. Prince-Warinski:** Sweet Treats

**Ms. Sparks:** Local Farmer's Market

**Mrs. Bailey:** Dogs

**Mrs. Harbec:** Arts and Crafts

**Ms. Joyce:** Spring Activities

**Mrs. Csere:** Movie Night

**Mrs. Smith:** UCONN

**Mrs. Welch:** Garden

**Mrs. DeLoreto:** Hawaiian

**Mrs. Hain:** Sports

**Mrs. Phelps:** Games





## Family Fun in Mansfield May, June, July & August 2014



### Special Notes

- **The Adventure Park at Storrs** (860-946-0606) ([StorrsAdventurePark.com](http://StorrsAdventurePark.com)) is an aerial forest park with fun, healthy and safe outdoor adventures for families (ages 7 and older) featuring obstacle courses in the trees and zip lines of varying challenge levels. Check the website for hours of operation and special promotions.
- **Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry** (486-8580) ([bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu)) is now located at 1 Royce Circle in Storrs Center and is open Tues.-Sun. 11am-7pm. Exhibits through June 1: *Puppets Through the Lens: Photography by Richard Termine* and *Spectacular Extravaganzas: The Rod Puppetry of Frank Ballard*. Beginning June 14: *Opera and Giant Puppets: Amy Trompeter's Barber of Seville*. In addition, there will be special puppet performances for children every Sat. @ 11am & 2pm from June 28-Aug. 9 (see calendar below) AND a puppet workshop for kids (ages 6-9) July 7-11 (register now)!!!
- **Community School of the Arts** (486-1073) ([csa.uconn.edu](http://csa.uconn.edu)) offers a **GREAT** variety of music, art and theater programs for children of all ages. Check the website for a listing of Summer 2014 programs and recitals.
- **CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center** (486-4460) ([mnh.uconn.edu](http://mnh.uconn.edu)) has a multi-media permanent exhibit, *Human's Nature: A Closer Look at the Relationship Between People and the Environment*, plus a special temporary exhibit, *Snow, Sand & Strategy: The Impact of Weather & Geography on WWII*. The Museum is open Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm (closed Sat. and Sun.). Check the website or call for a copy of the Summer 2014 brochure, which includes several exciting programs for children and their families.
- **Gurleyville Gristmill** (429-9032) ([joshuastrust.org](http://joshuastrust.org)), located on Stonemill Rd. in the Gurleyville section of Mansfield, is owned and operated by Joshua's Trust, and is open Sundays from May 18 through October 12, from 1-5pm.
- **Joshua's Trust** (Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.) (429-9023) ([joshuastrust.org](http://joshuastrust.org)) has its office in Mansfield. It currently manages over 4,000 acres in Northeast CT, most of which have walking trails open to the public. Check the website for a list of properties (with maps) + scheduled walks throughout the year.
- **Mansfield Historical Society** (429-6575) ([mansfieldct-history.org](http://mansfieldct-history.org)) is open Sat. and Sun., 1:30-4:30pm, June 1 through Sept. 28. This year's exhibits include: *Quilts dating from the 1850s to the 1950s*, *Scott Rhoades' paintings of Mansfield Historical Sites*; and *Charles Emory Smith (1842-1908), newspaper editor, U.S. Minister to Russia and Postmaster General*. Don't miss June 1 opening day activities for kids which will feature quilts and quilting!
- **Mansfield Parks and Recreation Dept.** (429-3015) ([mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com)) has many classes, programs and activities for young children. Check the Summer 2014 brochure sent to every household for information about summer camps, community gardens, pool (and other) parties, rentals of kayaks and backyard game equipment, **fee waivers** for eligible Mansfield residents, and so much more!
- **Mansfield Public Library** (423-2501) ([mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org](http://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org)) is a treasure-trove of free books and other media for children and families and offers 3 drop-in program series for young children: **Wonderful Wednesdays** (all ages with caregiver), 10:30-11:30am, June 25-Aug. 13; **Family Storytime** (all ages with caregiver), Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am, May 10-Aug.30; and **Toddler Time** (birth-age 3 with caregiver), Fridays, 10:30am-12n, May 2-July 25 (but NOT May 30 or July 4). Also check out the **Summer Reading Programs** plus many special programs and events listed throughout the summer.
- **Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum** (486-2712) ([uconnhaskies.com/facilities/freitas-ice-forum.html](http://uconnhaskies.com/facilities/freitas-ice-forum.html)) is open to the public for skating lessons for ages 4 and up, as well as general skating, for part of the summer. Call or check the website for details.
- **Storrs Farmers Market** ([storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://storrsfarmersmarket.org)) ([storrsfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:storrsfarmersmarket@gmail.com)) is open 3-6pm Saturdays from May 3-Nov. 22, on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Something for everyone. **BUY and EAT LOCAL!**
- **UConn Co-op Bookstore** (486-8525) ([bookstore.uconn.edu](http://bookstore.uconn.edu)) has a SUPER new home at 1 Royce Circle, Storrs Center and has a TERRIFIC selection of children's books! Check the website for details about kids' events: *Where's Waldo*; *Curious George*; *Batman Day*; and *Nancy Nancy*.
- **UConn EEB (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) Greenhouses** (486-8941) ([eeb.uconn.edu/](http://eeb.uconn.edu/)), on the UConn campus, house a huge collection of live plants from all over the world. Open to the public: Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm.
- **UConn Libraries** ([lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits](http://lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits)) offer exhibits that might be of interest to adults and children.
- **William Benton Museum of Art** (486-1705) ([thebenton.org](http://thebenton.org)) is located on the UConn campus and is open Tues.-Fri., 10am - 4:30pm and Sat. & Sun., 1-4:30pm (closed July 4 & Aug. 12-24). Current exhibits: **Roanne Wood: Art and Music and Stagecraft: 50 Years of Design at Hartford Stage**. Check the website for a list of programs that might be of interest to families with young children, including **special Sat. afternoon events May 24-Aug. 10!**

*For more information about the events listed in this calendar, check the following sources:*

BIMP = Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (486-8580) ([bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu))  
 CSMNH = CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center (UConn) (486-4460) ([mnh.uconn.edu](http://mnh.uconn.edu))  
 EOS = E.O. Smith High School (487-0877) ([eosmith.org](http://eosmith.org))  
 J-KNECT = J-Kids of Northeast Connecticut (450-0435) ([jkidsnecct@gmail.com](mailto:jkidsnecct@gmail.com))  
 JT = Joshua's Trust (429-9023) ([joshuastrust.org](http://joshuastrust.org))  
 MMS = Mansfield Middle School (429-9341) ([mansfieldct.org](http://mansfieldct.org))  
 MPL = Mansfield Public Library (423-2501) ([mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org](http://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org))  
 MPRD = Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department (429-3015) ([mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com))  
 S Cong C = Storrs Congregational Church (429-9382; ext. 10) ([storrsconchurch.org](http://storrsconchurch.org))  
 WBMA = William Benton Museum of Art (486-1705) ([thebenton.org](http://thebenton.org))

*Many of the following programs require advance registration and/or fees. Call ahead!*

*Fee waivers are available to eligible Mansfield residents for most Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department programs (429-3015). Scholarships may be available for other fee-based programs listed here.*

### Summer Vacation Camps, Programs, Workshops, Activities

**Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry** (486-8580; [bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu)); **Community School of the Arts** (486-1073; [csa.uconn.edu](http://csa.uconn.edu)); **CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center** (486-4460; [mnh.uconn.edu](http://mnh.uconn.edu)); **Holiday Hill Day Camp** (423-1375; [holidayrecreation.com](http://holidayrecreation.com)); **Kids are Scientists & Engineers Too! (K.A.S.E.T.)** (486-8115; [kaset.uconn.edu](http://kaset.uconn.edu)); **Mansfield Parks & Recreation Dept.** (429-3015; [mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com)); **Mansfield Public Library** (429-2501; [mansfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://mansfieldpubliclibrary.org)); **UConn Cook Camps** (486-3128; [www.dining.uconn.edu/news\\_press.html](http://www.dining.uconn.edu/news_press.html))

## MAY 2014

May 7 (Wed.), 7pm -- Spring Band Concert by Mansfield Middle School students in the MMS auditorium (MMS)  
 May 10 (Sat.), 9am-12n -- Garden Gate Club Plant Sale to benefit EO Smith scholarships @ Buchanan Auditorium /Mans. Library  
 May 10 (Sat.), 3-4:30pm -- Children's Committee Mansfield Playground meeting for gr. K-6 @ Buchanan Auditorium  
 May 10 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun at the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 May 14 (Wed.), 7pm -- Spring Orchestra Concert by Mansfield Middle School students in the MMS auditorium (MMS)  
 May 15 (Thurs.), 7pm -- EOS H.S. Student Spring Concert: Chorus, Band & Orchestra @ Jorgensen Auditorium, UConn (EOS)  
 May 17 (Sat.), 9am-3pm -- St. Paul's Church Tag & Bake Sale; 1768 Storrs Rd. (opposite Willard's) (429-1830; stpaulswired.org)  
 May 17 (Sat.), 3-4:30pm -- Mansfield Library Annual Plant Swap @ Buchanan Center; bring some, take some! (MPL)  
 May 17 (Sat.), 3-7:30pm -- Parents' Night Out: activities and pizza for grades K-5 at the Community Center (MPRD)  
 May 21 (Wed.), 7pm -- Spring Choral Concert by Mansfield Middle School students in the MMS auditorium (MMS)  
 May 26 (Mon.), 9am -- Memorial Day parade and observances in Mansfield Center (if rain: MMS gym) (429-3302)  
 May 28 (Wed.), 6:30pm -- Beginning Band Concert by 4th Grade students in MMS auditorium (MMS)  
 May 28 (Thurs.), 7pm -- EOS Student Concert: Jazz Combos and Chamber Music in EOS auditorium (EOS)  
 May 31 (Sat.), 9-11am -- Birds of Baffin Sanctuary (Pomfret); explore & discover with a naturalist! (ages 5 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 May 31 (Sat.), 9:30-11am -- Children's Committee Mansfield Playground meeting for gr. K-6 @ Buchanan Auditorium  
 May 31 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun at the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)

## JUNE 2014

June 1 (Sun.), 12:30-5:30pm -- Music Festival for the Camper Scholarship Program @ Holiday Hill; fun for all! (423-1375)  
 June 1 (Sun.), 1:30-4:30 -- Special activities at the opening of this year's exhibits @ the Mansfield Historical Society! (429-6575)  
 June 2 (Mon.), 3pm -- Shavuot, ice cream and fun for pre-schoolers at the UConn Dairy Bar! Pre-register. (J-KNECT)  
 June 6 (Fri.), 4-9pm -- Parents' Night Out: activities and pizzas for grades K-5 at the Community Center (MPRD)  
 June 7 (Sat.), 10am-12n -- Family Cruise on the Willimantic River from River Park to Eagleville Lake; pre-register (MPRD)  
 June 7 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun at the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 June 8 (Sun.), 1-3pm -- Explore the Albert E. Moss Sanctuary with 2 lively naturalists! (ages 5 + w/adult) (MPRD)  
 June 8 (Sun.), 3pm -- Donor Appreciation choral concert by Take Note! at the First Church of Christ in Mansfield (228-2390)  
 June 14 (Sat.), 7:30am-12n -- John E. Jackson Tour de Mansfield + lunch; bike rodeo for kids! (raindate Sun., 6/15) (MPRD)  
 June 14 (Sat.), 9:30-11am -- Children's Committee Mansfield Playground meeting for gr. K-6 @ Buchanan Auditorium (MPRD)  
 June 14 (Sat.), 10am-12n -- Exploring Connecticut's Towns: Durham! Very interesting history!!! (ages 8 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 June 21 (Sat.), 9am-12n -- Connecticut River, Museum & Historic House Tour in Essex, CT (ages 10 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 June 27 (Fri.), 6-7:30pm -- Kick off our summer reading program with activities for all the senses! (all ages welcome) (MPL)  
 June 28 (Sat.), 9:30-11am -- Children's Committee Mansfield Playground meeting for gr. K-6 @ Buchanan Auditorium (MPRD)  
 June 28 (Sat.), 10am-12n -- Learn from Old Gravestones: Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground (ages 10+ w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 June 28 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)

## JULY 2014

July 5 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for the fun!!! (BIMP)  
 July 8 (Tues.), 7pm -- Bach to Rock with Caryn Lin: amazing interactive demo of sound on the electric violin! (ages 5 +) (MPL)  
 July 10 (Thurs.), 6:30-8pm -- 26th Anniversary Kidsville Kuckoo Revue; free, fun family concert @ Community Center (MPRD)  
 July 11 (Fri.), 2-3pm -- Crafts for Kids: Wacky Ways to Paint. Salad spinner art, string painting & more! (all ages) (MPL)  
 July 12 (Sat.), 8am - c. 8pm -- Bus trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden & Brooklyn Museum, NYC! (all ages) (CSMNH)  
 July 12 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)  
 July 12 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun at the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 July 15 (Tues.), 2pm -- CAN-Do Agility Dogs demonstration; come see what these talented dogs can do!!! (all ages) (MPL)  
 July 16 (Wed.), 10:30am -- Music and Movement for Preschoolers with Nicole Clark; interactive musical fun! (MPL)  
 July 17 (Thurs.), 6:30-8pm -- Shaded Soul Band; free, fun family concert @ the Community Center (MPRD)  
 July 18 (Fri.), 3pm -- The Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams. Dynamic combo of science & storytelling. (ages 5 +) (MPL)  
 July 19 (Sat.), 8am-c. 2pm -- 23rd Annual CT K9 (Canine) Olympics on the UConn Depot campus; amazing!!!!!! (486-4801)  
 July 19 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)  
 July 22 (Tues.), 6:30pm -- Eric Girard: Bending Gravity Glow Show. Object manipulation & cool music (ages 5 +) (MPL)  
 July 24 (Thurs.), 6:30-8pm -- Dr. Ya Ya's Gumbo Party Band; free, fun family concert @ the Community Center (MPRD)  
 July 25 (Fri.), 2-3pm -- Crafts for Kids: Paper Airplane Extravaganza. Make & fly different models. (all ages) (MPL)  
 July 26 (Sat.), 10am-3:30pm -- Project O: Fun in the Lab & On the Sea! (Groton). (ages 6 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 July 26 (Sat.), 10:30am -- Sparky's Puppets: Tricksters & Noodleheads. Silly tales, lots of laughs! (all ages) (MPL)  
 July 26 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)  
 July 26 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun at the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 July 29 (Tues.), 2-3pm -- Crafts for Kids: Build It! Create your own fantastic structures. (all ages) (MPL)  
 July 31 (Thurs.), 6:30-8pm -- Windham Concert Band; free, fun family concert @ the Community Center (MPRD)

## AUGUST 2014

Aug. 1 (Fri.), 3pm -- The Creature Teachers: Rain Forest Animals. Meet some fascinating live animals! (all ages) (MPL)  
 Aug. 2 (Sat.), 10am -- Protect Trees from Asian Longhorn Beetles & Emerald Ash Borers! (talk/walk) (age 8 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 Aug. 2 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)  
 Aug. 5 (Tues.), 2-3pm -- Crafts for Kids: Shape Up! Play with hexagon art, tessellations & more! (all ages) (MPL)  
 Aug. 9 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm -- Puppet performances for children by UConn puppetry students @ BIMP; come for fun!!! (BIMP)  
 Aug. 9 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night: LOTS of fun @ the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 Aug. 14 (Th.), 10-11:30am -- Program on Hammonasset Shoreline Ecosystems, then explore on your own. (all ages) (CSMNH)  
 Aug. 14 (Thurs.), 2-3:30pm -- Ice Cream Social! Fun & games and make your own sundae! (all ages welcome) (MPL)  
 Aug. 14 (Thurs.), 5pm -- Summer carillon concert, rain or shine @ Storrs Cong. Church. Food for purchase. (SCongC)  
 Aug. 16 (Sat.), 10:30am -- Music & Movement for Preschoolers with Nicole Clark; interactive musical fun! (MPL)  
 Aug. 21 (Thurs.), 5pm -- Summer carillon concert, rain or shine @ Storrs Cong. Church. Food for purchase. (SCongC)  
 Aug. 23 (Sat.), 10am-12n -- High Tech Treasure Hunting: Fun with GPS & Geocaching (ages 8 + w/adult) (CSMNH)  
 Aug. 23 (Sat.), 4:30-7:30pm -- Family Fun Night! LOTS of fun @ the Community Center for the whole family! (MPRD)  
 Aug. 24 (Sun.), 4pm -- "Sundae" carillon concert, rain or shine @ Storrs Cong. Church. Ice cream sundaes available. (SCongC)



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